

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 334

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Corey Brewer upon being named the Most Outstanding Player in the 2007 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful collegiate athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer, a forward at the University of Florida, was recently named Most Outstanding Player in the 2007 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, after the Gators defeated Ohio State 84-75 at the Georgia Dome; and

WHEREAS, the Gators (35-5) are the first team since Duke University in 1992 to win back-to-back national titles and only the seventh NCAA school to repeat as national champs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brewer tenaciously led his team to success in the final game of the NCAA Tournament by scoring thirteen points, eleven in the first half, and grabbing eight rebounds; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portland, Tennessee, Corey Brewer attended Portland High School where he played basketball; he was recognized as a McDonald's All-American, and he earned All-America honors from *Parade Magazine* (Fourth Team) and *Slam Magazine* (Honorable Mention); and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer was named Mid-State Player of the Year by *The Tennessean*, TSSAA Class AA Mr. Basketball, and Gatorade's Tennessee Player of the Year; he averaged more points per game than any Mid-State player in Tennessee with 29.4, and he averaged 12.8 rebounds per game his senior year; and

WHEREAS, continuing his high school basketball success at the collegiate level, Corey Brewer has made immeasurable contributions to the University of Florida men's basketball team, most notably as an integral player in the Gator's twice consecutive NCAA Men's Basketball National Titles; and

WHEREAS, last year, he scored eleven points, grabbed seven rebounds, and made four assists in Florida's 73-57 win over UCLA in the Tournament Final; he was the first Florida basketball player to record a triple-double, with 15 points, ten rebounds, and ten assists against Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Corey Brewer was named to the 2005-2006 preseason All-SEC First Team by both the coaches poll and media poll, and he was named Most Valuable Player of the Coaches vs. Cancer Regional Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer was also named to the SEC All-Tournament Team, garnered SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Year honors, and was recognized with an All-SEC Team Honorable Mention; in addition to his athletic accomplishments, he was named to the 2005-2006 SEC Winter All-Academic Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer's determination, work ethic, and talent have not only made possible a memorable and successful basketball career, but also surely point toward his success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Corey Brewer, forward for the University of Florida men's basketball team, upon being named the Most Outstanding Player in the 2007 NCAA Men's Basketball National Tournament Title as he led his team to its second consecutive title win, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

